(xi) Gundlupet	Mysore
(xii) Koppal	Raichur
(xiii) Gubbi	Tumkur
(xiv) Chamarajanagar	Mysore
(xv) Mundaged	U. Kannada
(xvi) Haliyal	U. Kannada

Rural Self Employment Through Horticulture Plantation

2239. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted a project proposal with an outlay of Rs. 83.90 crores to be funded under additional Jawahar Rozgar Yojana to create rural self employment through horticulture plantation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) A Project proposal has been received from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to cover 32.320 hectares of irrigated land with horticulture plantation. The Project involves an outlay of Rs. 83.90 crores to be spread over a period of 5 years beginning from 1993-94. The project is proposed to be taken up in 8 drought prone districts namely Ananthapur, Chittoor, Kurnool, Guddapah, Mahboobnagar, Parkasam, Rangareddy and Nalgonda of Andhra Pradesh, 406 lakhs mandays are proposed to be generated through this project during the implementation period of five years.

(c) The Project propal is under examination in this Ministry.

Construction of Check Dams

2240. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have submitted a project proposal with an outlay of Rs. 100.67 crores for construction of check dams in eight D.P.A.P. districts; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Project proposals for construction of check dams have been submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in respect of 7 Drought Prone Area Programme districts so far, with an outlay of Rs. 84.96 crores.

(b) The project proposals are under examination in this Ministry.

Project Proposals for Mehaboobnagar and Ranga Reddy Districts in A. P.

2241. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted two project proposals with an estimated outlay of Rs. 30.21 crores and Rs. 14.77 crores for Mehaboobnagar and Ranga Reddy districts in A. P. for the prevention of migration of labour; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Project proposals with an estimated outlay of Rs. 30.21 crores from Mehboobnagar district of Andhra Pradesh for the prevention of migration of labour has been received. The project proposal is under consideration.

Quality of Water in Villages of Rajasthan

2242. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that approximately twenty thousand villages in Rajasthan have brackish water with excessive nitrates and flourides;

(b) whether it is a fact that consumption of this water is causing various disearses of the bones and joints; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure the supply of potable water to the villages of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) During 1991-92, all States and Union Territories were asked to carry out a nation wide survey for

the status of drinking water in rural habitations covering all aspects on drinking water supply including quality of drinking water. The number of villages suffering from brackish water, excess fluoride, excess iron, etc. will be known in Rajasthan and other States after the final results of the survey become available.

(b) The constant use of drinking water with excess fluoride leads to dental and skeletal fluorosis.

(c) Safe drinking water supply is provided through supply from alternative safe sources or by setting up of defluoridation and desalination plants.

Tax deduction for sponsored research

2243. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Scientific and industrial Research has been designated as the nodal agency to administer tax deduction for sponsored research by industry in National Laboratories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with reasons for such a move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPTT. OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPTT. OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The Finance Bill 1993 introduced a weighted tax deduction of 125% for approved sponsored research programmes in approved national laboratories under Section 35 (2 AA) of IT Act.

The Director-General (Income Tax Exemptions) in concurrence with Secretary, Department of Scientific and Indstrial Research is the prescribed authority for approval of sponsored research programes in the national laboratories for the benefit of Weighted Tax Deduction.

Agreement between India and Uzbekistan for promotion of science and technology

2244. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Uzbekistan have agreed to set up an Indo-Uzbek technology centre in Tashkent for promoting cooperation in Science and Technology; and

(b) if so, the details of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPTT. OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPTT. OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A joint proposal of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and the Uzbek Academy of Sciences, signed in January 1992 in New Delhi, for setting up an Indo-Uzbek Centre for the promotion of S & T Cooperation in Tashkent by using the available infrastructral facilities of Uzbek institutions and establishments, was duly endorsed by the Indo-Uzbekistan Joint Commission during its meeting held in New Delhi on July 29, 1993.

(b) In setting up of this Centre use will be made of the available infrastructural facilities of Uzbek institutions and establishmets. This Centre shall be a nucleus to promote interaction between the scientists of the two countries and shall work towards the utilisation of S & T capabilities for joint endeavours between the two countries. In the first instance the Centre shall create a data base on the Indian and Uzbek scientists, scientific and technical institutions and such other strengths that already exist.

Appointment of Former Scientific Advisor to Ministry of Defence as Principal Investigator of a project

2245. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recommended the name of Former Scientific Advisor, Ministry of Defence, to be Principal Investigator of a project to explore comercialisation of technology emanating from National Research Laboratories at the Carnegie University, Pittsburg;

(b) if so, what was the criteria for selection;

(c) what are the terms and conditions of this new appointment;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the UNDP organised a seminar at Bangalore to discuss this issue in February 1992, if so, who were the participants in the seminar;